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**To:** [Sanchez, Carlos](#); [John Meyer](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Waste Pits  
**Date:** Friday, September 01, 2017 12:00:00 PM

Please let me know who I should forward this to (response folks?) for a response.

Thanks,

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Gary,

I'm told Interstate 10 is still closed at the San Jacinto River because TXDOT is having trouble cleaning sediment off the bridge.

I am deeply concerned it is not sediment, or not safe sediment. I urge you or whomever in the agency to coordinate with TXDOT to protect worker safety, public health, and the environment. It is also important to know where this material is moved to.

Please let me know the agency's response/inquiry results on this urgent and important matter.

Thank you,  
Jackie

On Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 7:03 AM Miller, Garyg <[Miller.Garyg@epa.gov](mailto:Miller.Garyg@epa.gov)> wrote:

Yes, we are closely monitoring the situation at San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund site as well as the other sites within the impacted area. As soon as we can safely access the site, the EPA will do a visual inspection to assess the cap condition. We were able to access two sites near Corpus Christi yesterday and confirmed that no emergency response was needed. The San Jacinto River elevation is 8-ft this morning and falling, so the top part of the cap should become visible soon. The Potentially Responsible Parties have contractors on standby to survey the cap and to place additional rock if needed when it can be safely done. Other actions will be considered when we know more.

Regards,

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On Wed, Aug 30, 2017 at 11:39 AM Jackie Young <[jyoung@txhea.org](mailto:jyoung@txhea.org)> wrote:

Gary and Donn,

Please see the attached photos and the link below to a video of the Pits shot from a drone. Reports are coming in from the river bottom that some homes have been swept off their slabs (photo showing only a portion of a submerged home is one example).

<https://www.facebook.com/texaspitfire/posts/1475872019167403>

I am sure you are following flood gauge data and I am curious if you have an idea of when a dive team will be able to assess the Pits? It is essential that divers or an ROV perform a thorough underwater inspection of whatever is left of the Site. Please let

me know what the agency is planning moving forward, as many residents are contacting me concerned about the Pits.

Thank you,  
Jackie

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